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- Box No. I Basis of the report
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language English, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

- international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
- international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

the international application as originally filed/furnished

the description:

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the claims:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-21	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-21	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-21,	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)**A. Novelty and Inventive step**

The invention discloses a method and device for controlling a power saving mode for applying the sleep mode for saving power consumption to the mobility of subscriber stations in a mobile communication system.

Specifically, the method comprises the steps of

- (a) controlling a subscriber station in the awake mode to detect that the service provided to the subscriber station has no uplink data or downlink data for more than a predetermined time,
- (b) controlling the subscriber station to use a characteristic of the service and transmit a sleep request message to which parameters are established to the base station,
- (c) receiving a sleep response message including an initial sleep window, a final sleep window, and a start frame from the base station,
- (d) establishing parameters for the operation of sleep mode according to parameters provided in the sleep response message, and
- (e) allowing the subscriber station to enter the sleep mode.

The following documents are made for references;

D1: US 6,622,251 B (TELEFONAKTIEBOLAGET LM ERICSSON).

D2: US 6,438,375 B1 (TELEFONAKTIEBOLAGET LM ERICSSON).

Both D1 and D2 provide methods for establishing and coordinating mobile terminal sleep phases within a wireless communication network, which can be said to be the background art of the present invention.

Claims 1–21 of the present invention meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33 (2)–(3) because neither of these documents nor any combination of them can teach or fairly suggest the main characteristic of the present invention:

Determining an entrance time to a sleep mode based on a sleep request message, received from a subscriber station, which contains a initial sleep window, a final sleep window, and a subscriber station identifier, for grouping and arranging listening intervals of a plurality of subscriber stations.

B. Industrial applicability

The present invention including claims 1–21 provides a method and device that can be widely applied to a general mobile communication system and a wireless internet system, thereby meeting the criteria set out in PCT Article 33 (4).